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Submitted herewith is a copy of the European Search Report (dated December 18, 2002), for related European Patent Application No. EP 01 11 4841. The European Search Report cites the following:

- (1) West et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,453,863, issued September 26, 1995, previously cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on November 25, 2002 (copy not enclosed);
- (2) Z.-J. Lu et al., "Surface Modified Reflective Cholesteric Displays", 1995 SID International Symposium Digest of Technical Papers. Orlando, May 23-25, 1995, SID International Symposium Digest of Technical Papers, Santa Ana, SID, U.S., Vol. 26, 23 May, 1995 (1995-05-23), pages 172-175, previously cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on November 25, 2002 (copy not enclosed);
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-090728 (MINOLTA CO LTD), published April 10, 1998, Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1998, No. 09, 31, July (1998-07-31), previously cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on November 25, 2002 (copy not enclosed);
- (4) M. Schadt et al., "Surface-Induced Parallel Alignment of Liquid Crystals By Linearly Polymerized Photopolymers", Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, Publication Office Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, Tokyo, JP, Vol. 31, No. 7, Part 1, 1 July 1992 (1992-07-01), pages 2155-2164, previously cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on November 25, 2002 (copy not enclosed);
- (5) Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1998, No. 6, JP 10-031205 (A) (TOSHIBA CORP), published February 3, 1998;
- (6) Khan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,034,752, issued March 7, 2000;
- (7) Yang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,061,107, issued May 9, 2000;

- (8) Takatori, U.S. Patent No. 5,864,376, issued January 26, 1999; and
- (9) J. Chen et al., "Four-domain twisted nematic liquid crystal display fabricated by reverse rubbed polyimide process", Journal of Applied Physics, American Institute of Physics, New York, US, Vol. 80, No. 4, 15 August 1996 (1996-08-15), pages 1985-1990.

The European Search Report places Document (1) in Category "A" with regard to claims 1-13, citing column 6, line 35 - column 12, line 54; figures 1-5.

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The European Search Report places Document (5) in Categories "D" and "A" with regard to claim 14, and in Category "X" with regard to claim 25, citing the abstract and in Category "Y" with regard to claims 35 and 36.

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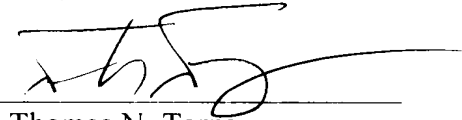
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